

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 454

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Representative Clyde B. Webb of McMinn County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague Clyde B. Webb, a member of the House of Representatives of the 87th-96th Tennessee General Assemblies, serving from 1971 until 1991; and

WHEREAS, Clyde B. Webb was an exemplary and conscientious public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, especially his constituents in the 23rd House District, in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman, Mr. Webb enjoyed a highly successful career as a banker, beginning with the Farmers Bank of Athens, which later became Valley Bank and is now AmSouth; he served as both President and Chief Executive Officer of Valley Bank of Athens until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of McMinn County, Clyde Webb was the son of the late Cooper and Rae Green Webb and a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College, earning a degree in business administration in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb proudly answered his country's call to duty, serving in the United States Army from 1953-56, seeing duty during the Korean War and rising to the rank of Sergeant before receiving his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader in the Athens community throughout his lifetime, Clyde Webb was named the Athens Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1965 and was the recipient of *The Daily Post-Athenian's* Man of the Year Award in 1990; and

WHEREAS, a past President and three-term board member of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Webb was a member of the Board of Trustees of Athens Regional Medical Center, a founding member and past President of the McMinn County Economic Development Authority, and was the current Co-Chairman of the Property Task Force Procurement Committee; and

WHEREAS, a former Chairman of the United Way, Clyde Webb was a past President of the Athens Jaycees, a former Jaycee International Senator, and a former member of the Athens Kiwanis Club, from whom he received the Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and was also a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 50 of Free and Accepted Masons and the Alhambra Shrine of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of BPOE No. 1927 of Athens, Mr. Webb served as an Exalted Ruler, a District Deputy, and State Treasurer of the Elks Lodge and was named to the Elks Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a President of the Young Republican Club and a two-term Chairman of the McMinn Republican Party, Mr. Webb had the esteemed privilege to serve as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida, in 1972; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a member of the House of Representatives Clyde Webb served on the Tennessee Legislative Council and the Commerce; State and Local Government; and Finance, Ways, and Means Committees; and

WHEREAS, during his legislative career he received numerous accolades, including the Tennessee County Service Award, the Public Service Award from the Tennessee State Optometric Association, and the Tennessee School Boards Association Legislative Award; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Webb was an active and devout member of Marsh Hill Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Mr. Webb is survived by his beloved wife, JoAnn Clayton Webb, his son and daughter-in-law, Christopher "Chris" and Summer P. Webb, grandson, Christopher Eric Webb, and granddaughter, Dara Raeann Webb; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his sister, Opal Dean Webb; his brothers-in-law and their spouses, Jim and Betty Clayton and Tom and Dorothy Jean Clayton, several nieces and nephews, and many, many dear friends; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and deeply admired by his many friends and colleagues, Mr. Webb was a kind and affable gentleman who loved Tennessee and took great pride in making his community and State a better place for all; his unmatched record in public service and business stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, Clyde B. Webb leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of our former colleague, Representative Clyde B. Webb, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a legislator, public servant, and human being, and commend his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Representative Webb.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.